



# INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Family Engagement Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: September 19, 2014

### MEMBERS

Kevin Bain

Melanie Brizzi

Charlie Geier

Beckie Minglin

Tammy Veselsky

Alonzo Weems

### ADVISORY MEMBERS

John Burnett

Connie Sherman

#### Attendees:

Keith Reissaus, Chris Whitmire, Jackie Garvey, Jen Drake, Deanna Wilkerson, Anita Allison, Mindy Bennett, Beckie Minglin, Jennifer Mohr, Jim Cohen, Debbie Beeler, Beth Barrett, Amanda Lopez

#### Key Topics Discussed:

1. Family Engagement Framework – need to present a draft to the full Committee for approval.
2. Reviewed the draft from the Subcommittee (that met on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>) and a lot of “inspiration” came from the Maryland Family Engagement Framework.
3. Recommend changing the title to Parent and Family Engagement Framework.
4. Recommend creating a one-page Family Engagement Summary with the graphic, explanation and definition. Then a separate document will be created to explain the goals and strategies.
5. Use Joyce Epstein’s definition of school-family-community partnership and revise it.
6. Looking at Question #5 for the Legislative Study Commission, let’s look at evidence-based and culturally competent.
7. Workgroup recommended combining our responses to Questions #5 and #6 into one recommendation.

#### Key Questions Raised:

1. Are we talking about the family or parent?
2. What are our recommendations?

#### Action Steps:

1. Jenny, Beckie, Chris and Anita are going to stay after to revise the next draft into a one-page document and share with the workgroup by Monday.
2. Amanda will draft Question #5 and share on Wiggio by Monday. Workgroup members will be asked to revise.
3. Next meeting will focus on the drafting / revising the more detailed Family Engagement Framework that will explain the one-page document.

#### Next Meeting

**Date:** October 17<sup>th</sup> 2014, 12pm-2pm

**Location:** Goodwill/NFP, 5901 Lakeside Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46278

**Conference Call #:** 877-219-9314, code 787-694-3606